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FROM THE JOURNALS OF
OLD BEN KENOBI

WHILE SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS IN HIS

QUEST TO BECOME A JEDI,

LUKE SKYWALKER HAS UNCOVERED A

JOURNAL WRITTEN BY JEDI MASTER

OBI-WAN KENOBI. THE JOURNAL DETAILS

KENOBI'S ADVENTURES WHILE WATCHING

OVER YOUNG LUKE ON TATOOINE,

INCLUDING WHEN JABBA THE HUTT

HIRED THE WOOKIEE BLACK KRRSANTAN TO HUNT

OBI-WAN DOWN FOR DEFEATING HIS THUGS

DURING THE GREAT DROUGHT.

WHAT FOLLOWS IS AN EXCERPT

FROM THAT JOURNAL.

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OF THE

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OF THE

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THIS
IS WHERE IT
HAPPENED.

ABOUT A YEAR
AGO, DURING
THE GREAT
DROUGHT.



FIVE OF JABBA'S
SALTIER WARRIORS
WERE TAKEN DOWN
RIGHT HERE.

COLD-BLOODED
KILLERS BEATEN SENSELESS.
HARDENED WAR DROIDS
SMASHED WITH GIANT
ROCKS.

YET NO ONE
SAW WHO DID
IT. NO ONE SAW
A THING.



LEAST, THAT'S WHAT
THEY *SCREAMED* AS
JABBA FED THEM TO THE
RANCOR. AND WE NEVER
FOUND ANY TRACE
OF...

BLACK
KRRSANTAN?
HELLO?

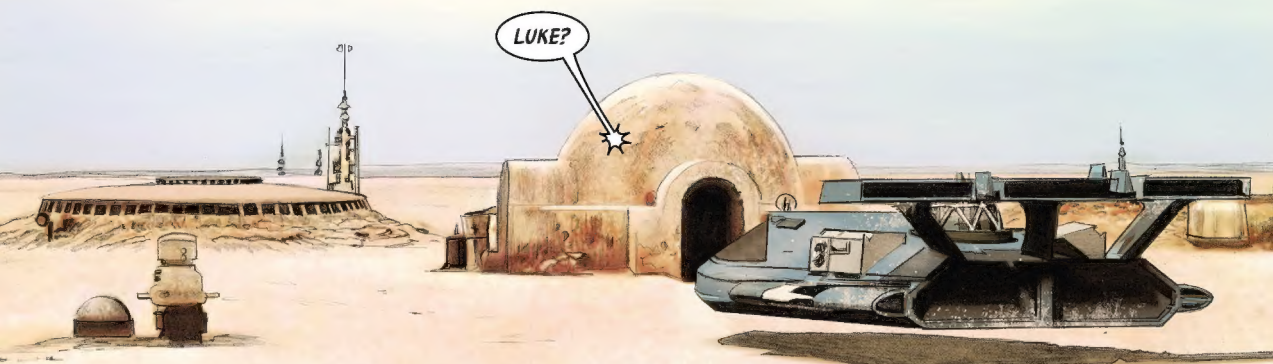
IS HE
EVEN--

WWWWRRGGHH!



ANY IDEA
WHAT THAT
MEANS?

IT MEANS I
SURE WOULDN'T
WANNA BE *WHOEVER*
HE GETS HIS HANDS
ON OUT HERE.



I DIDN'T KNOW IT YET,
BUT LUKE SKYWALKER HAD
RUN AWAY FROM HOME.

FOR NOT THE
FIRST TIME, OR
THE LAST.

I'LL
GO TO MOS
EISLEY.

GET ON A
SHIP. ANY SHIP.
GO ANYWHERE IN
THE GALAXY BUT
HERE.

AUNT BERU
AND UNCLE
OWEN CAN *HAVE*
TATOOINE. I'LL
TAKE...

...THE
STARS.

THOUGH, THIS
TIME, AT LEAST...
HE DIDN'T MAKE
IT FAR.

HMMH?

UNCLE
OWEN!





UNCLE OWEN! AUNT BERU!
WHERE IS EVERY...



AUNT BERU!
LUKE...YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE...
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S UNCLE OWEN?



IT TOOK HIM. HEADED TOWARD THE CANYONS. WE'VE GOT TO FIND HELP. GET THE OTHER FARMERS. GET THE...
WHAT TOOK HIM?



BIG. COVERED IN FUR. STRONG.
LUKE, YOU LOCK YOURSELF IN THE MAINTENANCE BAY. DON'T COME OUT UNTIL YOU HEAR MY VOICE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?



THE MAINTENANCE BAY...



AAAAAAARRRGGGHHH!

RRRRROOOOGGGHHH!

GGGGGGHHH!

I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT... WHY ARE YOU...

RRRRRRROOOOGGGHHH!

WAIT, PLEASE... I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, I DON'T SPEAK--

HE'S NOT ASKING YOU ANY QUESTIONS.



HE JUST
WANTED YOU TO
SCREAM.

I WAS MEDITATING
AMONG THE BANTHAS
IN THE DUNE SEA WHEN
I FELT THE DISTURBANCE
IN THE FORCE.

ATOP THE CLIFF,
I TRIED TO SLOW
MY BREATHING, TO
HIDE HOW *WINDED*
I WAS FROM THE
CLIMB.

KENOBI!

RRRGHH?



THERE WAS A
TIGHTNESS IN MY
GUTS THAT I
HADN'T FELT
IN YEARS.

FEAR.

APPARENTLY ACES
AND PAINS OF THE
BODY WEREN'T THE
ONLY THINGS THAT
WORSENERD WITH
AGE.



YOU'RE **BLACK KRRSANTAN**. THE INFAMOUS WOOKIEE BOUNTY HUNTER. I'VE HEARD OF YOU.

I KNOW WHY YOU WERE FORCED TO LEAVE KASHYYYK. AND HOW YOU'VE **DISGRACED** YOUR PEOPLE EVER SINCE.

JABBA HIRED YOU, DIDN'T HE?



WELL, HERE I AM, BOUNTY HUNTER.

I'M THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



OR AM I.

YOU WILL LEAVE THIS PLACE AT--



RRRRWWWH!

HUUH!

I WAS REALLY
HOPING THAT WAS
GOING TO WORK.



BEN!



AND THAT I WOULDN'T EVEN
NEED THE LIGHTSABER. THE
DANGERS THAT WOULD COME
FROM OUTING MYSELF AS A JEDI
ON TATOOINE WERE SO GREAT.



I DIDN'T CARE WHAT
HAPPENED TO ME, BUT
I HAD TO MAKE SURE
THAT NO HARM WOULD
EVER COME TO...

AAAAARRGH!

THE YEARS HAD
MADE ME A FOOL.

HGGHK!

A VERY
DEAD FOOL.

RRRRRRRRROOORR!





GGH!

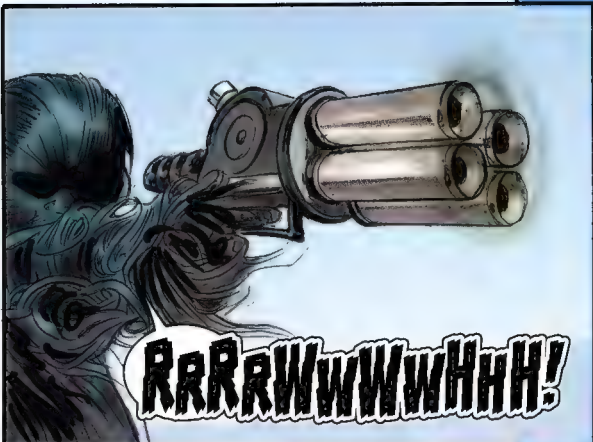
NO, NOT DEAD YET.



RRRRRRRRGH!

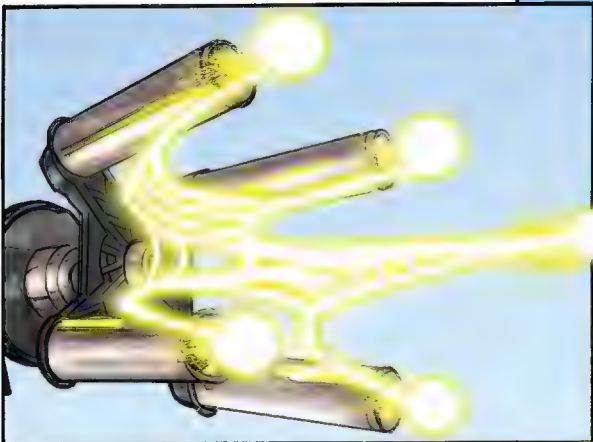
I WAS WORTH MORE ALIVE, HE SAID. SO THAT JABBA COULD WATCH ME SUFFER.

TERRIFIC. THERE'S SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.



RRRRWWWWHHH!

AAAAARRRRGHHH!





NO! YOU
GET AWAY
FROM...

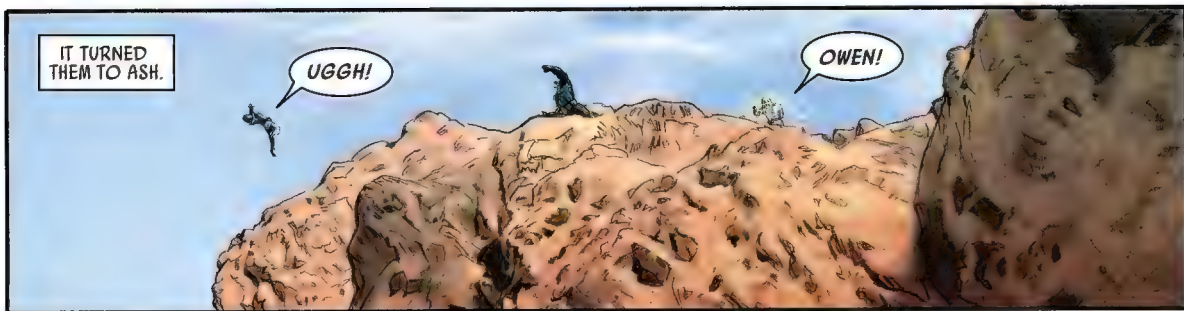


...FROM...
UH...

OWEN...
RUN, IT'S ME
HE WANTS. RUN
BEFORE HE...

OWEN LARS AND
I MAY HAVE HAD
OUR DIFFERENCES
OVER THE YEARS,
BUT THE MAN WAS
NO COWARD.

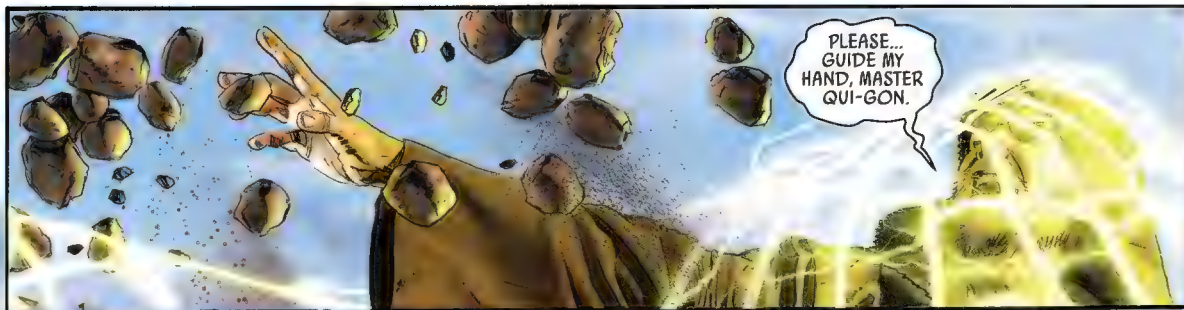
TATOOINE
DID NOT ABIDE
COWARDS.



IT TURNED
THEM TO ASH.

UGGH!

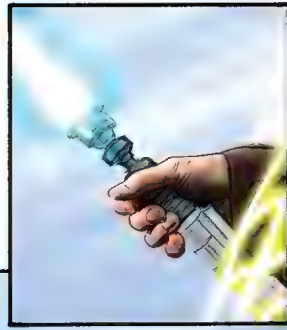
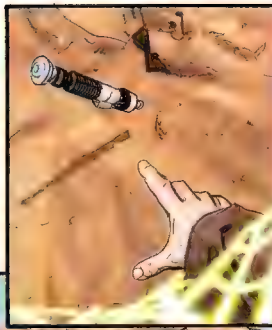
OWEN!



PLEASE...
GUIDE MY
HAND, MASTER
QUI-GON.



WWWGGH!



I MIGHT HAVE BLINDED HIM WITH SOME DUST IN HIS EYES, BUT EVEN A HALF-BLIND WOOKIEE WAS STILL ENOUGH WOOKIEE TO MAKE ME PLENTY DEAD.

THE ONLY QUESTION WAS...

RRRRROOOORRRR!



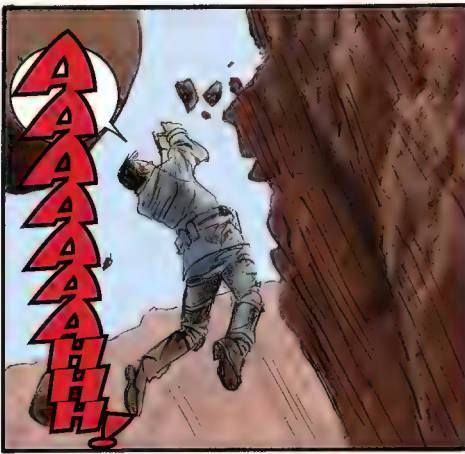
...WAS I STILL ENOUGH OF A JEDI TO STOP HIM?

**W
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GAAAGGH!

OH, NO!
IT'S...!



**A
A
A
A
A
A
H!**





IN THAT MOMENT...I
COULD FEEL THE
FORCE FLOWING
THROUGH ALL THINGS.

OWEN,
YOU HAVE
TO...



THROUGH THE BANTHAS,
LOWING IN THE DISTANCE.
THROUGH THE WOMP RATS
HIDING IN THEIR HOLES.

ALMOST...



THROUGH THE
WOOKIEE WHO
WAS TRYING SO
DESPERATELY
TO KILL ME.

UGGHI!



THROUGH MY OWN
WEARY FLESH.

ALMOST
GOT...



THROUGH THE PEOPLE
I COULD NOT KEEP
FROM DANGER.

NO.
OWEN,
I'M...

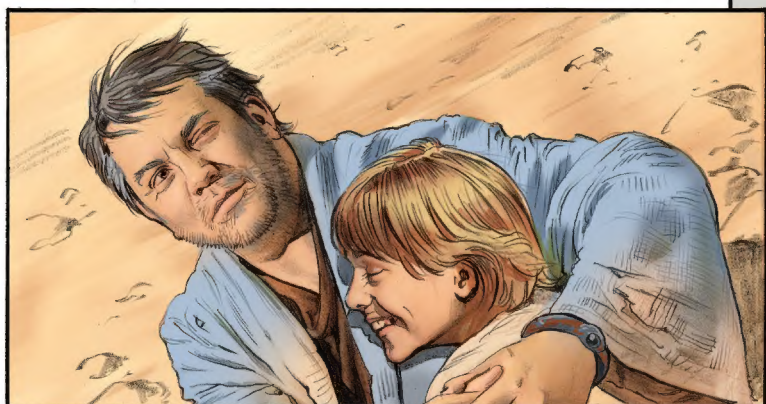
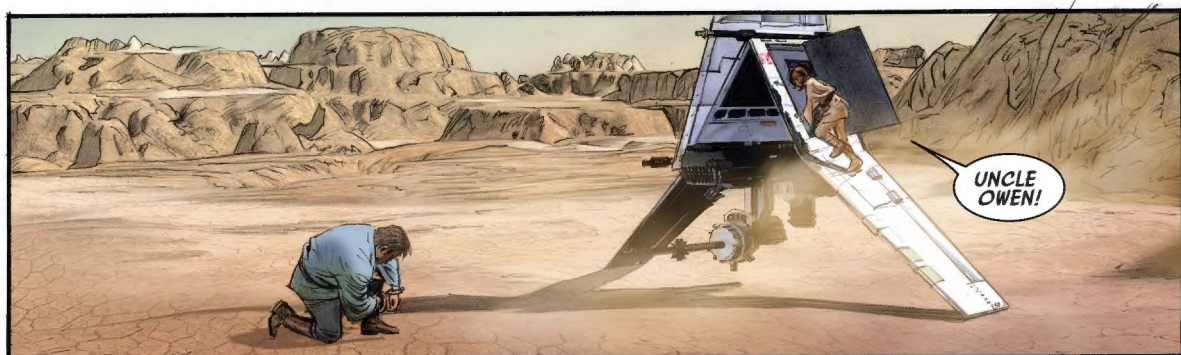


THROUGH THE
MAN I COULD
NOT SAVE FROM
FALLING.

NOOOO!







I SEARCHED FOR
KRRRSANTAN AMONG
THE ROCKS BUT FOUND
NO BODY. THEY BREED
THEM TOUGH ON
KASHYYYK.

HE HAD FLED OFF-WORLD,
IT WAS SAID. JABBA WAS
INCENSED, OF COURSE,
FEELING HE'D BEEN
BETRAYED BY THE
BOUNTY HUNTER.

IT WOULD BE A
LONG TIME BEFORE
KRRRSANTAN WAS
WELCOME ON
TATOOINE
AGAIN.



NOT A WORD WAS
SPOKEN BETWEEN
OWEN AND I.

I WAS JUST
HAPPY TO SEE HIM
SAFELY RETURNED
TO HIS FAMILY.



JUST AS I
RETURNED TO
MINE.

HELLO, NARA,
YOU'RE LOOKING
WELL TODAY.

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, DOLO?
WHY SO SAD?



LIFE CARRIED
ON. MUCH AS IT
ALWAYS HAD.

IN THIS HARSH AND
RUGGED PLACE,
WHERE ALL COULD
SEEM HOPELESS, BUT
WHERE SOMETIMES,
INEXPLICABLY...



...NEW HOPES
WERE FORGED.



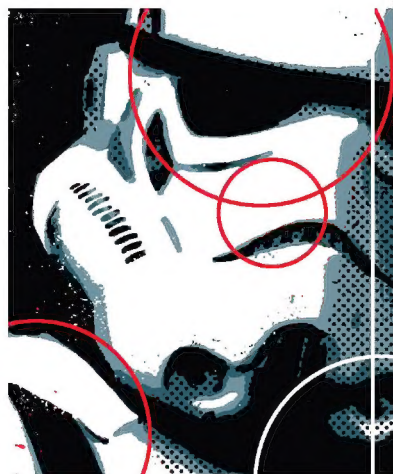
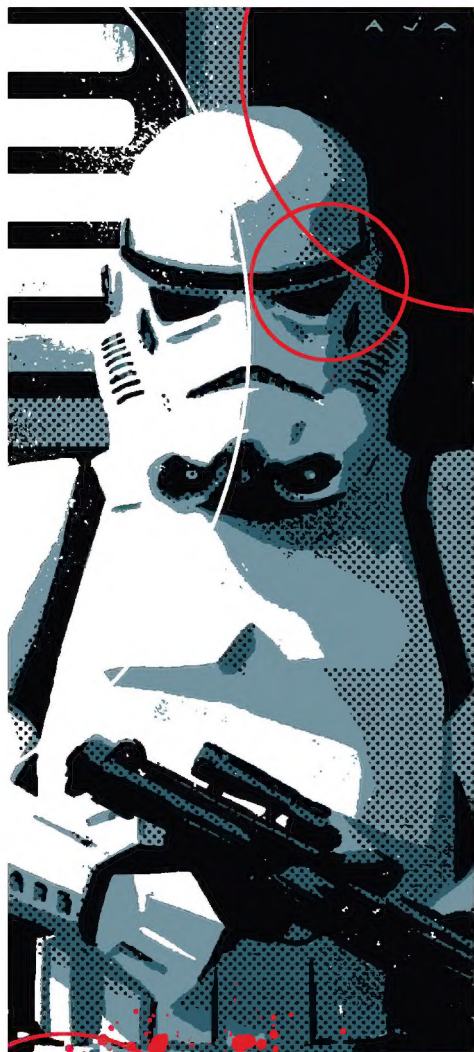
IN BLOOD
AND FIRE
AND SAND.



AND
SKY.



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